

Push/Pull Factors of Undocumented Immigrants

Push factors:

Approximately 80% of undocumented immigrants in the U.S. come from six countries. What are some of the factors about, or conditions within, these countries that might “push” or influence someone to go to another country?

Mexico:

El Salvador:

Guatemala:

Colombia:

Honduras:

China:

Pull Factors:

What factors about the United States might “pull” or draw people to this country?

United States:

Review the table below and write why each state might have a large population of undocumented immigrants:

Top Six States of Residence:	Reason:
California 2,200,000	
Texas 1,000,000	
New York 490,000	
Illinois 430,000	
Florida 340,000	
Arizona 280,000	

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, www.uscis.gov , 2004.